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In re the Application of

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For: FIBER, PROBE AND OPTICAL HEAD OF MULTIPLE OPTICAL PATH ARRAY
TYPE AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

A1
3. (Amended) A multiple optical path array type probe manufactured by using the
method for manufacturing a multiple optical path array type probe as claimed in Claim 1.

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

A2
-- 17. A multiple optical path array type probe manufactured by using the method for
manufacturing a multiple optical path array type probe as claimed in Claim 2. --